

Judge Judith H. Ramseyer

Honorable Judith H. Ramseyer joined the King County Superior Court bench on November 1, 2012. Governor Gregoire appointed her to complete the unexpired term of Judge Suzanne Barnett, before taking the bench in 2013 as the result of her successful 2012 election to the Superior Court.

Judge Ramseyer worked in the juvenile justice system while earning her master's and law degrees at night. She is fortunate to have begun her legal career as the Honorable William Dwyer's first law clerk, working beside him in U.S. District Court for seven years. She credits Judge Dwyer with igniting her passion for the law and her commitment to the highest professional standards. A litigation attorney for 25 years, Judge Ramseyer has broad legal experience representing both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts. She practiced complex commercial litigation, including class action, securities, product liability, and consumer protection matters, and is also experienced in the areas of civil rights/death penalty, personal injury, and family law. Judge Ramseyer has been active in professional organizations throughout her career, holding leadership positions with both the King County Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington.

Judge Ramseyer earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at Eckerd College, a master's degree in mental health counseling at Seattle University, and her law degree, summa cum laude, from the Seattle University School of Law. She is a lifelong advocate for women, children, and the disenfranchised, and is honored to have been awarded Washington Women Lawyers President's Award and Passing the Torch Award, as well as the Washington State Bar Association's Excellence in Diversity Award for her work as chair of the statewide Glass Ceiling Task Force. When not working, Judge Ramseyer enjoys travel, biking, and spending time with her fabulous daughter, Lily.